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Certificate of Treatment

Dear USDA APHIS Inspector,

This letter is to certify that any bird specimens packaged in this container(s) have been treated according to APHIS-VS-NCIE requirements for the importation of research specimens into the United States. The specimens are being sent to the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. for identification. The packing list provides details on all specimens.

The specimens are being sent from [foreign institution name] in [Insert country and state/province name] with all required permits and paperwork.

The USDA approved treatment(s) used for these specimens was
(circle one)

- *heated to 60 degrees C for at least 30 minutes*
- *treated with phenol/chloroforml*
- *immersed in 10% formalin*
- *immersed in 70% alcohol*
- *immersed in a minimum of 3% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS)*
- *treated using FTA® filter paper*

prior to shipment. This treatment was conducted by [insert name] and is consistent with the USDA requirements for importation of bird specimens from countries infected with either Exotic Newcastle Disease or H5N1 (Avian Influenza). These specimens have not been commingled with any other potentially infected materials since the time of their treatment.

For further information contact Smithsonian Feather Identification Lab at 202-633-0787 or 202-633-0801.

Sincerely,

[name]

[title]

[Institution]